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DURING RECENT YEARS, THE THREE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAVE PLACED HIGH PRIORITY ON THE DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION AND INTRODUCTION OF MISSILE SYSTEMS. THEY HAVE GENERALLY AVOIDED ANY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF MISSILE SYSTEMS FROM US BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF US RESTRICTION ON "SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY". AN EXCEPTION TO THIS IS ARG NAV PURCHASE OF SIDEWINDER AIM-9 MISSILE AND AAF INTEREST IN AND CLEARANCE FOR PURCHASE OF SIDEWINDER. IN LIGHT OF EVOLVING US POLICY IN THIS AREA, IT IS PROBABLE THAT ARG ARMED FORCES WILL HAVE INCREASED INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF MISSILE SYSTEMS FROM US. THE FIRST CONCRETE CASE IS AAF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HAWK, REF B. WOULD ANTICIPATE SIMILAR ARG ARMY INTEREST IN IMPROVED HAWK AND POTENTIALLY IN TOW OR DRAGON. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENT POLICIES CONCERNING RELEASE OF WEAPON SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION ON WEAPON SYSTEMS TO BOTH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, RECOMMEND THAT NATIONAL MILITARY INFORMATION

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DISCLOSURE POLICY COMMITTEE (NPDC) CONSIDER RELEASE OF HAWK

INFORMATION TO ARGENTINA. TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO BRAZIL NOW
AND POSSIBLY AT A LATER DATE TO REFUSE TO RELEASE DESIRED INFORMATION
TO ARGENTINA COULD (POTENTIALLY) CAUSE A BIT OF A PROBLEM IN
ARGENTINE/US RELATIONS.
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